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CALEDONIA DEPARTMENT

By DR. EMMETT JAMIESON.

There was quite an enthusiastic consolidated school rally at the Caledonia High school building on last Friday afternoon. The meeting was very ably presided over by Prof. E. A. Stanley, county superintendent of education. After a short well chosen address he introduced Prof. J. T. Calhoun, state superintendent of education, who spoke at length on the rural one and two teacher schools and the need of consolidating the rural schools of each district in the county. He stated that there was more than five hundred consolidated schools being successfully taught in the state. These schools have been a success wherever they have been tried, not one asking to go back to the old system of the one and two-teacher school. He also stated that Caledonia was the most ideal place for a fine consolidated school that he had ever seen.

Prof. Ellis, superintendent of the city schools of Columbus, was next introduced. He is a fine speaker and a live wire on education. He stressed the vital importance of giving our children an education. He said that we were all one people in common interests and one people in heart as a united community. His speech and also Prof. Calhoun's was enjoyed and highly appreciated by all who heard them.

Prof. E. T. Lawrence, who was at one time principal of this school and also a former student was called. He made a very able and appropriate speech. He spoke of the lack of interest in education, taken by the people as a whole in the great work.

The meeting closed with a short talk by Prof. Stanley, who gave some valuable information of how to get the people interested in this great educational work. The result of this meeting was the adding of three other schools to Caledonia, which makes in all five schools to consolidate with Caledonia with others to come later. We were glad to see so many ladies out at the school meeting Tuesday taking part in the school work. When the ladies get interested in any movement for the upbuilding of the community something is sure to be accomplished. Our ladies are better

boosters than the men of Caledonia. The body of David Bird, son of Mr. Earl Bird, of Greenwood Springs; the first Monroe county soldier to give his life in action on the western battle front across the water in defence of his country arrived Thursday of last week. His body was laid to rest in the family burying ground at New Hope on Friday with military honors. This young man gave up his life in the early stage of the war. His mother has never recovered from the shock of her son's death. He was a young man of some friends.

Miss Selma Dale entertained her Sunday school class Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at the home of her father, Judge J. M. Dale. The dining room was prettily decorated in ferns and cut flowers with various colored garden flowers and pot plants that made the room bright and cozy for the little folks. At 5 o'clock ice cream and cake was served, after which many children's games were enjoyed. Late in the afternoon the party went kodaking. It is needless to say the party was enjoyed by the little people and Miss Selma won for herself a warm spot in the hearts of her Sunday School class that will go with them through life.

Dr. and Mrs. Jamieson entertained Thursday at dinner for the following guests: Mr. S. J. Crenshaw and mother, Mrs. Ada Crenshaw, of Greenwood Springs, Mrs. Maude Hughes and two sons, of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jamieson and family, of Columbus. As the sun was sinking low behind the distant western hills this jolly party motored for their respective homes promising to repeat the pleasure sometime in the near future. This was an old time family reunion.

All lovers of good pictures are to have a free treat, which is very rare at this time, as everything must be paid for. However, this movie is free. Dr. F. J. Underwood will be in Caledonia at the high school building on Thursday night August 4th, at 7:30 o'clock with his movies of comedies and health pictures. No one should miss this wonderful opportunity of seeing these health pictures. Be sure

to come and bring all the family and your friends as it will do you all good the rest of your life.

Our genial friends and successful farmer of Monroe county, Mr. Tom Houston has our thanks for a fine forty pound watermelon, which he presented to the writer Saturday. Friend Tom knows that the way to successfully reach the newspaper reporter's heart is through his stomach. This was sure a fine treat and one that was greatly enjoyed.

We are sure that the many readers of the Dispatch are glad to welcome Mrs. Mary Waldrop, of Millport back on the staff of quill pushers as news correspondent from Millport, who for a number of years so faithfully wrote up the news from this section. She is a fine writer and her letters are always newsworthy and full of valuable information. Our hat is off to this, our old friend and neighbor of the long ago. We are glad to bid you a most cordial welcome back on the Dispatch staff.

The home of the writer was made glad Sunday afternoon by the following: Dr. J. C. Buckalew and his interesting family, Mrs. Mary Brown and Mr. T. J. Lampkin, all of Sulligent, Ala. The Doctor stated that the prospects for a bumper crop was the best in several years; in fact he said they had the best crops of corn, hay potatoes and other food crops that they had been blessed with in a number of years.

He also stated that the city of Sulligent was disappointed in that they had been left out on the boosting tour.

The numerous friends of Mrs. Lou Lawrance will be sorry to learn that she is seriously ill, and hope that she will soon be restored to health again.

The many friends of Miss Corinne Swanzy will regret to hear of her illness and hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Jack Hopper, a successful farmer of near Vernon, Alabama, was a business visitor in Caledonia on last Wednesday.

Mr. R. R. Barrentine, a highly respected citizen of Vernon, Alabama, was among the business visitors in Caledonia last week.

Mr. L. D. Myers returned to his home in Columbus Monday, after a week spent in the home of his father, Mr. G. W. Myers, of Caledonia.

Rumblings Round Rural Hill

Last Thursday was a great day at Rural Hill. Our Brunswick stew and barbecue was a success in every sense of the word. We noticed Mr. Imes, Mr. McClanahan, Mr. Puckett, Prof. Joe Cook, and Mr. Franks were some of our noted visitors, also our next Governor of Mississippi, Hon. H. L. Whitfield, who gave us a very interesting talk for the benefit of the young people and I think the old people come in for a good share also. We promised Mr. Imes to see that he and his friends got dinner, but after watching them from a short distance we decided to look after our own interests. If every body was going to eat like those fellows from town we knew we had better look out for ourselves. We noticed that everyone had plenty and lots of the meat was sold to the highest bidder. Dr. Franks also gave us quite an interesting talk, and offered us his services at any time, an offer we appreciated very much, and we may call on Brother Franks some time soon.

Last Wednesday was also a great event in the history of Rural Hill when Messrs. Stanley, Calhoun, Ellis and Broome made their appearance at our school house for the purpose of explaining fully our public school situation. Prof. Stanley led the speakers and I think it was the best speech I ever heard Mr. Stanley make. While his speech was not over an hour long he was master of his subject and his remarks were very convincing. Mr. Stanley was followed by Mr. Calhoun who is State Rural School Supervisor and from him we learned of the national and international reputation of Rural Hill. We knew we were pretty big, but we did not know we were quite so large. He told us that first he heard of Rural Hill was

in a meeting at Longville, Ky., when Prof. B. G. Hull told that vast audience of over a thousand people what we were doing at Rural Hill and he said if we were doing half the things Mr. Hull said we were doing that we were a great people. We were glad to meet Mr. Calhoun as he promised to help us out in our Rural Hill affairs. The next speaker was Prof. Ellis, Superintendent of the city schools of Columbus, and his address was well delivered and received most cordially by our people. We also are very proud to meet Prof. Ellis, who tendered his services at any time he could serve us. We congratulate Columbus on having secured this man at the head of her school system and we predict great things for Columbus schools under his supervision. Prof. Broome our able assistant State Superintendent of Education was the last speaker, but not the least. His address was forceful, logical and convincing and our people I think were largely brought over by these timely arguments for I know the writer was. You know they made me think of a trip I took over across the line a few weeks ago with Mr. Glenn Henry as chauffeur, the only way I could tell the bad places Mr. Henry seemed to get faster and I was on the back seat and sometimes the other man and myself were both in the middle and then both on his side and then on mine, and then we would scatter and go up in the air and then the same performance over and over again until we neared the state line and Mr. Henry and his Ford had shook all the high road tax kick out of us and the same way with these gentlemen. When they got through with us we were ready to go to work for the county wide levy of one mill and we are very much gratified with our people. More than 50 per cent of them signed the petition which is a large per cent of our voters and I did not get to see them all. Now good friends I hope you will think seriously over this before you go to vote. If our school term is cut down to four or five months our property will decrease in value 40 or 50 per cent or worse to say nothing of our children's welfare.

We wish to especially thank those parties who live out side of our community for their donations towards our school building. Our people are not rich and as many of you know our community or a large part of it was torn all to pieces by a storm this spring and the extreme shortage of money makes us doubly thankful to you all and to any one who may give to our worthy cause.

Mrs. T. W. Stinson's father, Mr. McCrary, of Reform, spent the past week with her.

Mr. Gunter, of Pickens is visiting friends and relatives just across the line.

Mr. Henry Vaughn made a visit to the home of Mrs. Ora Duncan last Sunday.

Mr. Joe Odum, of Steens, and Mr. J. W. Eubanks, of Rural Hill are off to the Delta this week looking over this great country.

Our second baseball nine crossed bats last Saturday with Sunnyside, which resulted in a score of 8 to 4 in our favor and then with a score of 18 to 15 in our favor with Liberty. Sunnyside and Mt. Vernon started a game, but it was soon called as it was too late to play. We wish to express our thanks to all who donated to our base ball club so as to enable our boys to come out in their new suits, especially do we wish to mention Mrs. Josie Vaughn and Mrs. Essie Loftis, of Steens in their efforts in securing funds for our club, and we hope soon to have our first team meet Mt. Vernon and Caledonia on the Columbus diamond and show you city folks some of our country ball playing. We noticed several new tents going up at the camp ground.

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Millport Happenings

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We understand the people of the country have the finest sorghum and ribbon cane and potato patches.

The health of our town is good although we have a little uneasiness just now over the probability of an epidemic of diphtheria, as a great many children out of town have it and we are very much afraid it will become serious.

Mrs. Cull Windham and daughter, of Texas, visited in the home of Mr. R. V. Windham.

Mrs. Beard and daughter, of Columbus, Ohio, have been on quite a long visit here, but recently returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Odum and son, Charles, accompanied by Mr. Mark Hodo and Mrs. Glover have returned from a two weeks' stay on the coast.

Mrs. Bart Gilliam, of Oklahoma, accompanied by her brothers, Dr. Luther and Fletcher Johnson and Mr. Robert Johnson, who is from Ohio, have been visiting their father leave for their homes tomorrow.

The young people enjoyed a watermelon cutting at the home of Mrs. R. V. Windham last week and at the home of Mrs. Nettie Conner, they also enjoyed dancing.

We have had considerable excitement and some uneasiness over the saw dust pile and shavings that have accumulated at the stand where where saw mills and planers have stood for years, only being vacated the last two years. The plot had been purchased by Mr. Wade Odum, on which he expected to erect a home. The saw dust caught fire by some means and the people did not think it of any

serious danger, but when it got well into the pile it became a serious matter and the people living in close to the fire were afraid of losing their homes. Mrs. George Miller's home caught fire and there was some excitement, but the people in town came from every direction with buckets and soon had the fire under control with little damage. Mr. Winters and Mr. Lester Miller are watching the fire constantly. We trust there will be no more alarms.

The Millport baseball boys defeated the Sulligent team in three games last Monday and Tuesday.

The Winfield team, who has won the last fourteen games played will be here for two games Tuesday.

A picket team from Columbus will play Millport Thursday. All games this week are expected to be closely contested.

We certainly enjoyed reading the letters of the boosters and glad they so heartily enjoyed their trip.

Mr. H. I. Prater left today to resume work, after a vacation of several weeks.

Mr. Joe Golden has accepted a position as traveling salesman and he will be greatly missed by his many

friends here.

Miss Mattie Sue Toles has been a charming visitor in Millport for several days. She taught school here last year and her services are engaged for another year. We are glad to have her back.

Mr. Whitten Windham and wife returned from their visit near Carrollton.

Mr. and Mrs. Galbrieth Prater are receiving the congratulations of their many friends, the occasion being the arrival of a fine daughter in their home.

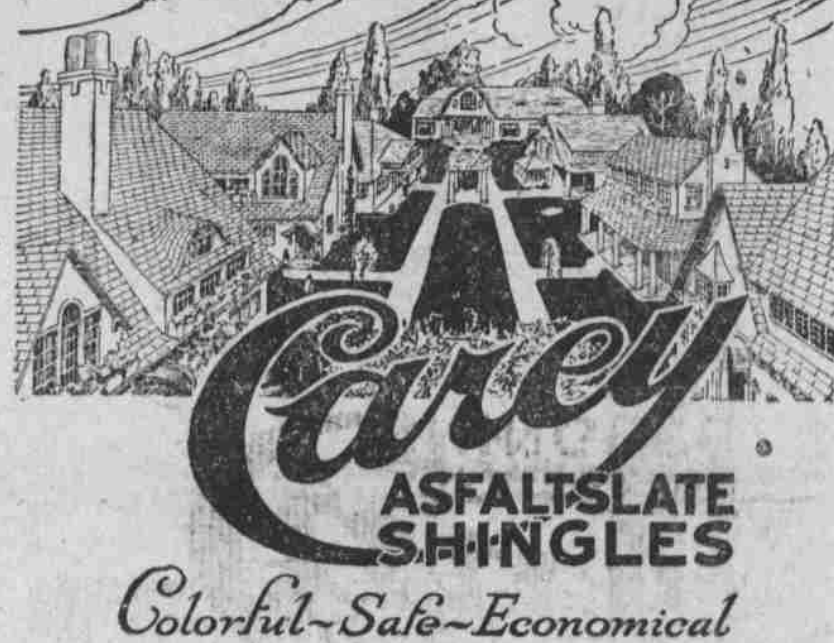
Mrs. Henderson, of near Vernon, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Waldrop. Mrs. Millbrook and Mrs. Clearman, of Vernon, were also her visitors.

Mr. A. B. Roberts and wife, of Birmingham, after a brief visit here returned home.

Mrs. Neilson Propst and son, Winston, after a pleasant visit in the home of Mrs. Robert Waldrop, have returned to Jasper.

Mrs. Hobson Prater has returned to her home in Birmingham, after several days spent in the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary McAdams.

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